

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Hampton's Pirate Festival will open at 2 p.m.

Cleanup continues downtown, but the Blackbeard Festival will open at 2 p.m. with a full schedule, including fireworks this evening. Some food vendors are already open. An old sewing machine has been hooked up to a generator, so tents can be repaired.

In addition, Dolphin Laundromat has donated laundry service, plywood and sand to get the pirate camp in shape.

The canopy over Mill Point stage was blown off, but the stage has been declared safe.

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